

Application No.: 10/754,575

Docket No.: 20679-00208-US

REMARKS

Claims 13-22 are pending in the application and have been allowed. The specification and ABSTRACT have been amended by way of the present response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The outstanding Ex Parte Quayle Action closed prosecution on the merits; requested that the Abstract be provided on a single sheet; suggested guidelines for the preferred layout of the specification in a utility application; and indicated that none of the certified copies of the priority documents had been received.

Amendments to the Specification

In response to the suggested guidelines for the preferred layout of the specification in a utility application, the specification has been amended to include the preferred section titles. Applicants respectfully submit that the specification now includes the preferred section titles.

Amendments to the ABSTRACT

In response to the request that the Abstract be provided on a single sheet, a single page version of the existing Abstract has been provided by way of the present amendment. Applicants respectfully submit that the ABSTRACT now is provided in the proper format.

Certified Copies of Priority Document

In response to the indication that no certified copies of the priority documents have been received, Applicants respectfully submit that PCT Rule 17.2(a) states:

[w]here the applicant has complied with Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b_{bis}), the International Bureau shall, at the specific request of the designated Office, promptly but not prior to the international publication of the international application, furnish a copy of the priority document to that Office. *No such Office shall ask the applicant himself to furnish it with a copy* (emphasis added).

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In addition, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) at section 1828 states:

[t]he International Bureau will normally furnish copies of the certified copy to the various designated Offices so that the *applicant will not normally be required to submit certified copies to each designated Office* (emphasis added).

Further, on October 26, 2005, Applicant's representative consulted with Shian Luoung at the PCT Help Desk of the United States Patent & Trademark Office. Ms. Luoung confirmed that the above is the case and indicated the Applicant definitely should not have to provide a "fresh copy" of the certified priority document. However, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner immediately notify Applicant's representatives if there are any additional issues regarding the priority document in this case.

Conclusion

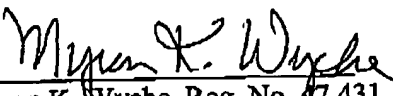
In view of the above, this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge the CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20679-00208 US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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